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The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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AF AMENDMENT under 37 CFR 1.116 and MPEP § 714.13

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed March 5, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1-3, 5-14 and 16-22. This amendment is presented under the auspices of 37 CFR 1.116 and MPEP § 714.13 and is intended to place this application in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment be entered by the Examiner. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper, wherein claims 1 and 12 are amended to place allowable claims 4 and 15 in independent form and claim 22 is amended to include elements recited in claims 4 and 15.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.